

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 09985.0368

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Roberto GEMELLO et al. )  
Application No.: 10/538,876 ) Group Art Unit: 2626  
Filed: June 14, 2005 ) ) Examiner: YEN, Eric L.  
For: METHOD OF OPTIMISING THE ) ) Confirmation No.: No. 8785  
EXECUTION OF A NEURAL )  
NETWORK IN A SPEECH )  
RECOGNITION SYSTEM )  
THROUGH CONDITIONALLY )  
SKIPPING A VARIABLE NUMBER )  
OF FRAMES )

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance mailed March 18, 2010. Without withdrawing the allowed claims from issue, Applicants submit these comments for the record.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art fails to teach a method executing a neural network in a speech recognition system, or a speech recognition system for recognizing speech for an input speech signal, or a non-transitory computer-readable medium for use on a computing system as claimed in the allowed claims . However, Applicants do not subscribe to the Examiner's restatement

of applicant's method executing a neural network in a speech recognition system, or a speech recognition system for recognizing speech for an input speech signal, or a non-transitory computer-readable medium for use on a computing system as paraphrased on pages 2 and 3 of the Detailed Action of the Notice of Allowability under "Allowable Subject Matter" to the extent that it is inconsistent with the actual claim language recited in the amended claims of the Amendment filed by Applicants on January 29, 2010.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these Comments, please charge the fee to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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